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PETROL PUMPS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil PSUs are supposed to establish petrol and diesel outlets in rural areas under `universal obligation`.

(b) if so, the details of this policy;

(c) to what extent Oil PSUs are implementing this policy;

(d) whether they are being encouraged to spread their sales network widely in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies conduct periodic surveys in all areas including `E` class markets (remote areas not covered by National/State Highways and pockets of agricultural concentration having no retail outlets within 10-km radius) and `D` class markets (National/State Highways) to identify locations which are feasible.Such feasible locations are included in the Marketing Plans of the Oil Industry. This is an ongoing process.